

Amendments to the Specification:

1. **Paragraphs 1-31** (as previously submitted)
2. **Paragraphs 32 -37** (renumbered to 33-38)
3. **Paragraph 32 (new paragraph inserted):** **Figure 9** is a cross-sectional view of a sheathed reinforcing strand.
4. **Paragraph 38** (renumbered to 39 and currently amended): The strands 3 are expediently provided with a double plastic sheath in view of the corrosive nature that the sand in which the pipeline is buried may have. A first sheath **3A** is coextruded onto the metal strand **3B**, with a grease or a wax **3C** in contact with the metal. The second sheath **3D** is a plastic tube **3D** into which the strand **3B** covered with its first sheath **3A** is threaded. Each tube **3D** may be injected with cement grout after anchoring (See Figure 9).
5. **Paragraphs 39-58** (renumbered to 40-59)